

REMARKS

This Supplementary Amendment and Remarks are filed in response to the Advisory Action dated December 22, 2008.

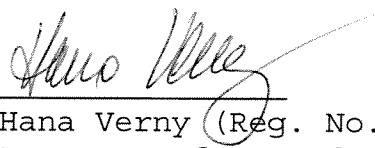
In the advisory Action, Examiner reject step h) of claim 38 reciting "a treated cartilage formed of superficial zone chondrocytes" as raising new issues.

Examiner indicates that to place the application in conditions for allowance, lines 13-20 of step h) of claim 38 should be canceled.

Applicants appreciate Examiner's suggestions and amended claims as suggested. The claims are free of the prior art. Consequently, with this amendment, all claims are in conditions for allowance. Notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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